

## HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TENN.,

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

Near Vicksburg, June 19th, 1863.

All Medical Officers in this Department will be governed by Circular No. 4, from Surgeon General's Office, dated March 25th, 1863.

There are too many Medical Directors in this Army. The only Medical Directors are the Directors of the Department, and the Directors of Army Corps; none others will be recognized. There is no such officer as Medical Director of a Division; nor will any officer be permitted to append such title to his name in his official communications to this office.

The chief Medical Officer of a Division will, after giving his title, append "*Surgeon in Chief*," giving the number of his Division and Corps. The chief Medical Officer of a Brigade or organization less than a Division and more than a Regiment, will, after giving his title, add "*Senior Surgeon*."

Every Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon, and Acting Assistant Surgeon serving in this Department, will, on the fifteenth and last days of every month, report by letter to the Medical Director of the Department, stating the nature of his duties, and will transmit copies of all important orders he may have received, since his last report from any source; except from this office, in which case he will acknowledge their receipt.

Medical Directors of Army Corps will report in person to the Medical Director of the Department every Monday morning if practicable, when in the field. They will immediately on receipt of orders or instructions from this office acknowledge their receipt in writing.

No Medical officer will style himself Chief of Hospital or Superintendent of Hospitals, unless assigned as such by proper authority.

Medical Directors of Army Corps will report promptly after a battle or skirmish in which their Corps may have been engaged, giving all the information required in Circular No. 4, of March 25th, 1863.

During the siege of Vicksburg, the Tabulated Statements of wounded will be made weekly, to include Saturday.

Every Medical Officer in charge of a Regiment, Battery or Detachment; or a Division Hospital, will make *daily reports* to the Surgeon-in-Chief of his Division, giving the number taken sick, wounded, discharged, died, transferred and remaining.

Division Surgeons will consolidate these reports and send them to the Director of their respective Corps. Surgeons of Corps Hospitals will make *morning reports* to the Director of the Corps to which they are attached. The Medical Director of a Corps will consolidate all these Reports *weekly*, to include Saturday, and forward them on the following Monday, to the Medical Director of the Department. The first report will commence on the 28th of June, 1863, and will be made to include the 4th of July, 1863.

The Acting Medical Inspector of each Corps will make the usual inspection and report through the Corps Director to this office.

Medical Directors of Corps will direct Medical Officers in charge of Regiments, Batteries or Detachments, to make out Quarterly Requisitions for Medical supplies, commencing on the 1st of July.

No special requisitions will be approved unless for extra issues, and with a certificate attached, stating the necessity for the articles called for. These will state the number of men required for as well as the amount of each article on hand.

In obedience to Paragraph 1254, Revised Regulations, Medical Department, the Senior Medical Officer of each hospital, post, regiment, battery or detachment, will keep a register of patients, a prescription book, diet book, copies of his requisitions, annual returns and monthly reports of sick and wounded, and an order and letter book, in which will be transcribed all orders and letters relating to his duties, and will exhibit them to the Acting Medical Inspector of his Corps, whenever required to do so.

Any officer belonging to the Medical Staff of this Army, who fails to comply with this order, will be brought before a Court-Martial for trial.

MADISON MILLS,

Medical Director.

